# 14th Annual Whitehouse Wildcat Winter Games Virtual Academic Meet January 26th - 30th, 2021

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# **Dear UIL Coordinator/Sponsor:**

The academic coaches at Whitehouse High School would like to welcome you to our 14th Annual Whitehouse Wildcat Winter Games, Virtual Edition. WHS will offer all academic events in a virtual format, including hands-on computer science. Unfortunately this season, we won't be able to provide speech or debate events.

Our tests are all from independent vendors. 1A - 4A will be graded as small schools, while 5A & 6A will be considered large schools.

**REGISTRATION**: Please register by submitting the <u>Google Form</u>. Any questions about registration, using the Google Form, or using Google Drive to share materials may be directed to Paige Dyer at <u>dyerp@whitehouseisd.org</u>. You will include the following information on the Google form:

- 1. School name and classification
- 2. Coordinators name and email
- 3. The events in which you would like to participate

**DEADLINES**: We will need to have your email registration in our possession by Monday, January 25, at noon.

#### **ENTRY FEES:**

\$300 – access to ALL the academic tests and prompts (unlimited entries)

\$150 – access to math and science tests (unlimited entries)

\$150 – access to all writing prompts (only 5 entries per event will be judged)

\$40 – access to an individual event (unlimited entries except for writing events)

**ENTRIES:** Each school can enter unlimited entries in each event except for *writing events*. You may give the writing prompts to as many students as you want, but only bring 5 papers to the grading session Monday, February 1 at Whitehouse High School (information to follow). Materials will be shared via Google Drive. Each event will have a separate folder shared with you. After scores are ranked, we will ask for scanned copies of the top ten student answer documents for all objective events. These will be scanned and shared in the folders for each event for all participating schools to see. We ask that the security of testing materials be handled as though this were an in-person meet. Please do not share electronic documents with students. Coordinators may print copies to share with coaches/sponsors.

#### PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTIVE EVENTS:

<sup>\*\*</sup>All tests will be released using a Google Drive folder.

Test materials will be emailed or shared via Google Drive on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Schools will have 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to test, grade, and submit scores through a Google Form that will be released on January 26th. Please be sure to have 2 sponsors grade each paper to help ensure any errors in grading due to human error are corrected before scores are submitted. If any errors in the test are noted, please email dverp@whitehouseisd.org ASAP so that we can make all participating schools aware. Current events, social studies, and literary criticism scores need to be submitted by Saturday, January 30 at 5 p.m. Once the objective portion of those tests are scored, the top 8 schools will be notified. The top 8 papers in current events and social studies will need to be scanned to dyerp@whitehouseisd.org by 9:00 a.m. Feb. 1st. Later that morning, judges will score the essays to determine the composite score for each test. If there is a tie in literary criticism, the schools involved will be notified so those essays can be ranked by our judges Monday morning.

# PROCEDURES FOR WRITING EVENTS:

Writing prompts will be emailed or shared via Google Drive on Tuesday, January 26th. Schools will have all week to test their students <u>during one testing session</u>. <u>Please do not release the prompts electronically to the students</u>. On Monday, February 1st at 9:00 a.m., writing sponsors will have a grading session at Whitehouse High School. Each school can bring a maximum of 5 papers per event to the grading session. At least one judge needs to be present Saturday for essays to be scored, if a school cannot grade Monday, please communicate with Paige Dyer. The top three essays for each division will be scanned and uploaded to the shared Google Drive.

### PROCEDURES FOR SPELLING EVENT:

Since consistent oral pronunciation is important for spelling, we will provide an auditory or a video recording in Google Drive for participants to access. Participants will be able to run the file for the call-out portions of the spelling test. We suggest your on-campus test administrator be prepared to verify the pronunciation of the call-out words in place of the live verification for the pronunciation that usually occurs at meets. Please run the file ahead of time to ensure any technical problems are resolved before administering any portion of the test.

### JUDGING:

Each school will grade and submit their scores to a Google Form which will be released once all schools have registered. Please submit scores by Saturday, January 9 at 5:00 p.m. Once all the scores are collected, I will share the final results with all schools via Google Docs. If you are not a Google school please include that in your registration. I will contact you to set up a way for you to access all the necessary documents and files.

Thank you and Good Luck! Paige Dyer UIL Academic Coordinator Whitehouse High School dyerp@whitehousied.org 903-839-5551 (w) 903-520-9868 (c)